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BEAUCHAMP'S TRIAL.
SUBSTANCE of the evidence on the Trial of Jerome O. Beauchamp for the murder of Solomon P. Sharp.

ON THE PART OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Wednesday, May 17th.

Dr L J Sharp stated, that on the night of the 6th of Nov last, that on which his brother was killed, he was called out to attend on a black woman belonging to Mr C P Bacon, and had been there between an hour and an hour and a half, when a servant of his brother's burst open the door, and said his mistress had sent for him and that his master was dying on the carpet. He went as fast as he could, supposing that his brother had been taken in some fit, and on the way met Dr Scott who told him he had been murdered. When he came into the house, he found his sister, Mrs. Sharp, sitting on the floor with a pillow in her lap and his brother's head upon it. After some enquiries, he examined the wound. It was made with a very sharp instrument which he supposed to be a butcher knife, and penetrated the body about two inches below the pit of the stomach. It was sometime before he made up his mind whether the wound was made with an instrument sharp on both sides or not; but after making several experiments and recently examining the cuts in his brother's right clothes, which did not seem so smooth on one side as on the other, he had concluded that the wound was inflicted with a knife. When the person now arraigned was brought back to Frankfort, seven or eight days after the murder, he sent for witness while on the other side of the river, to come and see him. Witness resolved to go, and asked Gen South, Col Taylor and Gen Hardin to go with him telling them to notice the prisoner's countenance, particularly, when they met, and that he would also observe it himself. The rest of the company went in first, and witness entered afterwards. He came within about five steps of the prisoner before he was observed. Beauchamp on turning round and seeing him, said, "How do ye do, Dr Sharp? Is this you Dr Sharp?" He then observed, that he had sent a message to witness desiring to see him, but understanding he had refused to see him, he had written, and asked witness if he would receive his letter, and was told he would. Prisoner then gave it him and his hand sensibly trembled as he handed it.

CROSS EXAMINED.

Witness returned no answer to B's salutation, nor did B approach him. It was after a short pause that he said, is this you Dr Sharp?

Witness did not see Joel Scott until morning. Between 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning he was told that a stranger from Simpson county had put up at Mr Scott's; but he did not think of Mr Beauchamp. Afterwards, he saw Mr Scott or Mr Blair or both together, and was asked whether he knew that his brother had any enemies? He answered, not one so far as he knew. Mr Scott then told him, that Beauchamp staid the preceding night at his house. He did not then suspect Beauchamp, or know that he entertained the least hostile feeling towards his brother. It was some time after, that having conversed with Mr Brooking and learning that Beauchamp had met Mr Miller on the road that morning and had not told him of the murder, connecting these circumstances with those detailed by Scott, he began to think he might be the murderer. He had no agency in sending for Beauchamp, except that he furnished some money to bear expenses. He knew Beauchamp very well. His brother knew him well also; but not so well as witness. He had put into Beauchamp's hands, at the recommendation of Mr G Work, a note due his brother, for collection, amounting to \$75, which he collected and transmitted the money. He did not at first suspect Beauchamp, but thought of others, although his mind had no grounds to settle down upon. He had once or twice suggested one or two voices to his brother's wife; but she did not recognize them as the murderer's. During the winter his brother always slept in the room adjoining that in which he was murdered, where he slept that night; but in the summer he slept in the back room at the right-hand of the passage, then occupied by Mr Bass and himself. His brother had changed from the latter to the former room from seven to ten days before his murder. The publication in the Argus in March last, signed with his name, was true so far as its statements depended on his own knowledge; particularly in relation to certain certificates, so far as he knows or believes. It was the general impression in the morning, that the track through the garden was that of the murderer or of some person who was with him. It was his impression, that the murderer must have run down the gravel walk by the stable; but others thought he passed through the garden. At that time, all thought it the track of the murderer or an accessory; but afterwards he began to doubt whether it was not his brother's track, as he had seen him in the evening trimming trees in the garden, and this he mentioned to Harvie, Bibb, and others. Dr Scott had, by mistake, put on his brother's boots and was then absent. As soon as he returned, witness sent for Mr Harvie and Mr Bibb, the latter of whom came, and on measuring the boot by the measure of the track, he was satisfied that it was not his brother's track. He has now no impression but what the track was that of the murderer or an accomplice.

Mrs Sharp stated, that on the night of her husband's murder, she was awakened by a knocking at the door, in the alley, which she supposed to be some of Mr Bacon's family after Dr Sharp. She awoke before her husband, and on his waking, proposed to him to go to the door herself. But he said no, and the knocking still continuing, he got up and went to the door and asked, who is there? The person without answered, "Your friend, John A. Covington," and he said he had been knocking at the front door some time. Her husband asked him how he came to be so late? He answered, that he had lost his way or got bewildered over the river, and on reaching town, found all the taverns full, and had come here for lodging. Her husband told him he should have it. On hearing the name, John A Covington, and a strange voice, she was a little startled, and getting up, stood in the door of the bedroom, opening into the room where her husband was. He opened the door, and as it was lighter out of doors than in the room, she distinctly saw the assassin as he entered. She did not see

him extend his arm to take her husband's hand; but from the whiteness of the latter's right clothes, she was enabled to see him extend his hand and presumed the stranger took it, and they advanced a little into the room. He then said, "Are you Col. Sharp?" Her husband answered, "I am." "I am," said he. John A Covington—don't you know me?" Her husband replied, "I don't think I do." At that moment she perceived her husband start back suddenly, when she screamed and running back through her room and the porch into the room occupied by Dr Sharp and Mr Bass, alarmed Dr Scott, told him there was mischief going on in the house and enquired for a pistol. Dr Scott ran, but she called to him to get a candle and he went after one. She ran back through her own room into the dining room door which opens into the porch, she thought she heard her husband give one groan. As she entered the room, she saw a man standing on the steps, and when the light of the candle was seen advancing, he ran. The voice made such an impression upon her that she always said she should know it, if she ever heard it again. The reason it made such an impression was, that John W. Covington, her husband's friend, of whom she thought the moment she heard the name of Covington, has a peculiar voice, so much so that she would sooner trust her ears than her eyes to recognise him. These circumstances drew her particular attention to the voice. It was so dark she could not distinctly see the clothes of the assassin. As to size, he seemed too large for Beauchamp, unless he had on a great coat or cloak. He was neither very tall nor very low. She had since heard Beauchamp's voice; and she heard the same voice she heard that night. She could not be mistaken. It was at Mr M'Intosh, the tailor's. She was in Mrs. M'Intosh's room when Beauchamp came with two others into the adjoining passage to dinner. She was about as near him as she was on that night. She was then anxious to hear him out of doors. He was drawn into conversation in the yard, and she heard and saw him through the window. The impression was so strong, that she almost fainted.

After the murder, several gentlemen being present, they took the body away. In her distress, she ran out and around the house. As she went round she saw a man standing with his hands on the dining room window looking in. He ran past her and within five feet. She called to the gentlemen admitted that there was the murderer. They ran out, but seeing nothing, thought she was alarmed and imagined she saw some person. She thought the person she saw at the window, was the one that ran across the garden.

CROSS EXAMINED.

When the man knocked at the door, she wakened, and on his knocking a second time, she wakened her husband. The murderer seemed larger than Beauchamp without his cloak on; but when she saw him at the jail with his cloak on, his size seemed to correspond precisely. The person that ran by her had no cloak on, and she is satisfied could not be the murderer. He appeared about the middle size; and she did not think quite so large as Beauchamp; but she did not see them in the same situation. She never knew that Beauchamp entertained the least hostile feeling towards her husband. She was well acquainted with Joel Scott, but not so well with M'Intosh, who were the only persons at M'Intosh's when she heard Dr B's voice. She knew it was not the voice of Scott or M'Intosh. She knew that B was to speak, but she did not know when. When she first heard his voice, she said, it like it; when she heard him speak further, she said it must be the voice, & as he progressed in conversation, she was sure it was. She had suspicions that he was the assassin before she went to hear his voice. The statements made in her publication in the Argus, particularly relative to certain certificates, are true, so far as she knows or believes. On the night of the murder she had revolted in her mind, who could have been so much the enemy of her husband? She then could fix on but one person as at all suspicious, and his voice did not correspond with that she had heard. But for the voice, she should have suspected the murderer to be another person. She never had seen Beauchamp or heard him speak before in his life. Mr. Rowan had advised her to get placed in a situation where she could hear B's voice, and Joel Scott had also given her the same advice.

Witness received the letter sometime before the other paper. He thought it was prisoner's wife that handed him the letter, but it might be his brother. He had received letters by both, but could not tell whether he had received more than one by his brother or not.

James C Hayes, stated that two years ago sometime before last Christmas, in a conversation with Beauchamp after a dispute between them arising out of the manner in which B had treated him while examining him as a witness against a person taken up for horse-stealing, witness three times mentioned Col Sharp to him as the most eminent Lawyer in the country &c. when B said "damn Col Sharp, don't name him to me; if ever I get an opportunity I'll send him to hell, where he ought to have been many years ago." Witness lived 25 miles from Beauchamp's and had lived there 20 years.

Patrick H Darby stated, that of the immediate death of Col Sharp he knew nothing. He was first informed of it in his room before day. He supposed the evidence wanted from him a statement of the declarations made to him by a person whom he supposed to be Beauchamp. In September 1825 he was returning from Tennessee to Elizabethtown in Kentucky, and had stopped at Duncan's well to drink, when a man rode up about the size of Beauchamp and asked if he was not Mr Darby. He had lately removed from Nashville to Kentucky. Witness replied, that he was. He then said he wanted to employ him in some business. Witness said, he was a candidate for business. After speaking of it as a matter of delicacy, he told witness that if he supposed he had heard of the former connection between Col Sharp and his wife, and said he had claims on that account against Col Sharp. Witness did not recollect, whether the claims were bottomed on a promise made to himself or to his wife, but thinks it was his wife. He said, Col Sharp had promised \$1000, 200 acres of land and a negro, one third of all which he offered to witness if he would bring a suit against Col Sharp. Witness told him that Col Sharp was a man of standing at the bar; and besides, there was a law of the state which prohibited the taking of such a fee. Witness asked, what evidence he had to establish the claim? He said he had evidence, but witness did not remember whether he said it consisted of papers or not. Witness told him his business would be at Elizabethtown and not in Frankfort, with the exception of the Federal Court. He said, he was going to Missouri and the suit must be brought in the federal court. Witness then thought it his duty at once to tell him, that he could not enforce these claims, because the consideration was vicious. He then got into a rage, said S P Sharp's conduct towards his wife had been wrong; spoke very highly of his wife; and said if Col Sharp did not settle these claims he would come to Frankfort and shoot him down in the streets. Witness told him Sharp was a man of property and would rather settle these claims than have such a suit brought against him, and if he, witness, settled in the state, he would hear of it; and in that case, if he would send him the papers he would try to procure a settlement from Col Sharp. After witness had remonstrated his horse and was travelling along the road, he began to reflect what had been said, and he particularly remembered, that in riding through small old field he considered how far he should be bound to conceal what had been said to him, should any thing serious ensue from the threat, on account of having been consulted as a lawyer. Last winter he passed along the same road to the well and saw the same old field. He is satisfied the conversation had held at that place. It was about the 1st of Sept. 1824. He should not have known Beauchamp to be the man. His countenance did not make so strong an impression on his mind as to cause him to remember it. He had on light clothes and a small horse.

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The man who consulted him at the well, did not tell his name, that he could remember. The well is about 200 yards from the house. It is not his impression, that the person who consulted him, was at or came from the house, or that he had so stated before the examining court. He rented an office in Frankfort in 1823; but was in Tennessee during most of the year 1824. He at first advertised and intended to settle at Elizabethtown. The reason which led him to reflect how far he might be bound as a Lawyer, in case the person executed his threat, to conceal it, was, that such a question had arisen

in Tennessee in a case in which he was concerned. The person stated that Col. Sharp had refused to comply with his promises, but he did not know whether application had been made by himself or not.

CROSS EXAMINED.

Witness lives about two miles from B's house. He was not there when B came home, but got there between sun down and dark.

Question by Mr Mayes. What was your motive for going to Beauchamp's that evening? Witness said he had rather not answer that question. The Counsel for the Commonwealth insisted and the prisoner's counsel objected; and after argument the judge decided that witness was not bound to answer.

To further questions the witness answered, that the first conversation with Beauchamp was shortly after his marriage and the second the evening of his return from Frankfort. He did not know that it was a secret in the neighbourhood where B was gone, but it was a matter of enquiry; he did not know until the evening preceding his return.

Thursday, May 18th.

Mr Kelly, an attached witness, gave as an excuse the same facts as those stated by Wm Allen, with the additional one, that he had no horse and could not ride. The Commonwealth's attorney asked him, if he did not know, that Mr Darby was not prosecuting attorney in this district! He said he did not. The court excused him on the ground of want of a horse; but thought it a poor excuse that he had received information different from that contained in the subpoena, unless from the party summoning him.

Mr Lowe being again called, stated, that Beauchamp had been for some time preparing to leave the country. The night of his return from Frankfort, he had solicited witness to drive his wagon as far as Hopkinsville, which he at first declined but finally agreed to do it for double wages. He was to start the next Sunday morning, at which time B said he would or must start, and appeared very anxious. Witness had received written communications from Beauchamp, which he would produce if required.

He then produced a letter and a written communication consisting of six sheets of paper, which he had received through the wife of Beauchamp. The counsel for the prisoner admitted that the letter was good evidence, but objected to the other paper because it was not addressed to him and he had received it from B's wife. An argument ensued, at the close of which the papers were handed to the judge, who took time to read and consider.

Mr Lowe further cross examined.

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in Tennessee in a case in which he was concerned. The person stated that Col. Sharp had refused to comply with his promises, but he did not know whether application had been made by himself or not.

Question by Mr Pope. Did you not state on your former examination, that the person consulting you, said, Col. Sharp had not refused to comply with his promises?

A Witness could tell what he said. When he told the person that Col. Sharp was a man of property and would rather settle the claim have a suit brought against him, and that he would apply to Col. Sharp for that purpose, he said Col. Sharp had not refused to settle it in preference to standing a suit.

Q Did you not state at first, that this conversation took place at Brandenburg in Meade county?

A On the evening after the murder, I consulted with C. P. Bacon and Col. Taylor, upon sending out persons on the different roads to ascertain who had left Frankfort on that morning, and gave \$10 for that purpose, as no effort had been made. I however met Robert Crittenden, who told me that Beauchamp had been here. When it was first stated that Beauchamp or the man who had married Miss Cook had been here, I remembered this conversation, but had some difficulty in locating it, or recollecting where it was. I communicated it to Dr. Brown, Mr. Chapman and others, and told them it was at Brandenburg. Mr. William Allard had introduced me to a man at that place, whom I believed to be Beauchamp, and I thought I had there heard him threaten Col. Sharp; but when I saw Beauchamp, I did not recognize his face as the same.

Q Did you not state unequivocally, until just before the examination of Beauchamp, that the threats you had heard B. make, were made at Brandenburg? A I did so state. Q Did you until that time, ever intimate to any human being, that you had heard Beauchamp threaten Col. Sharp's life at any other place, save Brandenburg? A I never did. I did believe it was at Brandenburg. Q Did it ever occur to your mind, until shortly before the examination, that you had heard these threats at Duncan's well? A It did not. Q Did you not continue to state, that it was at Brandenburg, until you ascertained that Beauchamp never had been there? A From the time I was told that Beauchamp was here on the night of the murder until I saw him at Hampton's, I stated that I had seen him at Brandenburg and nowhere else. Beauchamp then said he had never been there.

To further questions the witness answered, that he had no distinct recollection, that the man he told him his name, nor could he say that the prisoner is the same man; he has no doubt that he told him he had married Miss Cook; if he had thought his threat serious, he would have communicated it to

and it had turned out so; when he learnt that B was in town that Scott suspected him, that he was suspended at the bridge, he took up the impression that the threat which he thought idle, might have been serious and might have been carried into execution; that between Col Sharp and himself there were no angry feelings; that he had for some time associated with him at the bar and as a friend, that he had been at the house of Col. S. and the latter had been at his room; that they had no difference but in politics and had never passed an angry word; that he had at the request of the people, spoke against him on the stump, once at Mr. Kendall's and once at Mr. Clinton's; and in relation to the Federal Rules, they were both on the same side; that on that subject, there was some misunderstanding as to Col S's opinions; and he rose and explained himself to the people and there was no dispute.

Q. Did you not state in the presence of Mr. Rowan and others that it was a lawyer Beauchamp to whom you was introduced at Blaunden?

A. I stated, that I thought he was a lawyer.

Q. Did you not previous to your former examination, state to John U. Waring that you had never heard Beauchamp threaten the life of Col. Sharp?

A. Sometime after the apprehension of Beauchamp, Waring and myself remained together in the Court of Appeals' room after every other person had retired, both for the purpose of enquiring of the other what he knew relative to this affair. Waring told me, he had heard in Lexington, that I had heard Beauchamp threaten Col. Sharp's life. I told him that it was a mistake and must have been founded on my detailing the conversation of others, and mentioned what Carroll had said to me. I did not state what I knew to Waring; but on the former examination, admitted that Waring's statement was correct. Waring and myself differed in some points about Col. Sharp.

Mr. S. L. Migure stated that on Sunday evening preceding the murder, he was in Lawrenceburg, 13 miles from Frankfort, about an hour by sun, when a gentleman rode up and enquired the name of the place and the way to Frankfort. Witness rode on after and overtook him. He asked if witness was going to Frankfort, and was answered that he lived but a small distance from there in the country. He said he expected he had ridden five miles out of the way. Witness asked where he left the Bardstown road, and learn that it was at Gist's. Witness told him, if he had taken the left hand at Col. White's place, he would have saved about a mile. He had on the same dress the prisoner has on, with a handkerchief, tied around his head, which witness thought to be a bold fashion, & spotted silk handkerchief but was not positive. He had to raise up his head when he went to look ahead.

CROSS EXAMINED.

The mistake in missing his way was a natural one, as the Lawrenceburg road was the larger and plainer one.

James Taylor stated, that he saw a man with a handkerchief around his head, apply at his father's for lodging on the night of the murder, but did not know it to be Beauchamp. He said he was unwell and would like a private room; but was told that he could not obtain one; that the house was full and there was no other way in which he could sleep but on the dining room floor. He recommended him to Capt. Weisinger's. Witness had no idea what sort of handkerchief he had on his head.

Capt. Weisinger had applied to Joel Scott to take in persons if he should be crowded, but knew nothing about the prisoner.

Mr. Robert Sacra said, that on the evening before the murder, a man called at Capt. Weisinger's tavern after supper, to get lodgings. He had a striped handkerchief on his head and said he had a head ache and wished to procure a room by himself. He could not be accommodated, and witness directed him to Joel Scott's. He does not know the prisoner to be the man, but he sent but one person to Scott's that night.

Mr. Joel Scott stated, that on the night preceding the murder, a gentleman rode up to his door and said he wanted to stay with him all night; that he could not get accommodated at the taverns; that at Taylors they could accommodate his horse but not himself, unless he would sleep three in a bed; that at Weisinger's, he could sleep two in a bed, but his horse could not be accommodated. A servant took his horse, &c., and he walked in and took of his hat and a handkerchief which he had tied round his head. Witness asked if he was unwell, and was answered no, but that he had been riding through the barrens; and the woods were on fire and the smoke hurt his eyes and made his head ache a little. Witness asked where he was from, and he said from the Green River country. He went out to the stable as he understood, and was gone 20 or 30 minutes. After supping and conversing a while, he proposed to retire. Witness took a candle and shewed him up stairs into the room where he was to sleep. He said he generally read a while before he went to bed, and requested the candle to be left with him, which was done. Late in the night witness heard a noise up stairs, which at first supposed was his mother, or another person sleeping in the house; but on listening he heard the latch of the door rattle, and heard a person go down stairs and hawk and spit as he passed, by which he knew it was the stranger. He laid and listened for his return so long, that not hearing the clock strike, he thought it had stopped, and went to sleep without hearing him return. A servant came into his room early, and told witness that Col. Sharp had been murdered. He got up and went to Col. Sharp's house, where he met with Mr. Barrie, Mr. B. Taylor and several others, who told him the particulars and stated that the murder was committed between one and two o'clock. Witness then said that perhaps he had entertained the murderer, and told them that a stranger who lodged at his house had got up and gone out between one and three o'clock. Some person proposed that they should go and see whether the man was there. Mr. B. Taylor, Mr. Henry Payne and another person went with witness. As they came near the house, it was proposed that they should all go up into the stranger's room together; but he objected to it, as he had some delicacy in intruding so rudely on his lodger who might be innocent. Witness took a candle waked up Mr. Barlow, a person sleeping in his house, then went into Beauchamp's room, and found him standing

by the bed with all his clothes on except his coat. Witness told him a most horrible murder had been committed on Col. Sharp last night. He said, it was an extraordinary case or a horrible thing. Witness said to him, history did not probably record a murder so horrible in all its circumstances. He said nothing. Witness returned to the men who went with him and told them the man was there. They asked how he looked? Witness answered just like other men under similar circumstances, and told them to go and stop the report of their being any suspicious against him as coming from witness. A witness was talking with Mrs. Scott B. came in, and after being invited to take a seat, called for his wife. Witness asked him if he would not stay until the Legislature was organized, that he might carry the news? He said he was in a hurry and should have been off very early if he could have found the Register's office open, and that he had already lost two or three days in coming up to Bloomfield. As he was starting witness told him he had staid with him all night and he had not yet the pleasure of knowing his name. He replied his name was Beauchamp. Witness asked if he was a son of Jerry Beauchamp, and he said no. He asked if any person was suspected of the murder, or whether there was any way in which he could be found out? Witness told him none that he knew of. There was a wash bowl and pitcher of water in the room where B. slept, and witness observed that he had used them, and thrown water into the fire place; which had run across and washed out the ashes and was dry. There was but a small fire when B. went to bed, and in the morning there was wood in the fire place but it was not burning.

Beauchamp had sent for witness to call and see him in the jail, and enquired what he would state relative to his going out, appearance &c. Witness told him and he said it was true. He added that he had been out oftener than he knew of; that he had set down and read three quarters of an hour; that he had then took the wash bowl washed his feet, dried them and threw the water in the fire; that he then went out and was gone a quarter of an hour; that he had then returned; that he got up again at the time witness heard him, went out and was gone about an hour. Here he paused, and witness thought he was about to tell where he was; but he said no more. Witness then told him he did not wish to entrap him, but would be glad to know what he went out for at the time he heard him? He said it was a matter of delicacy; that he wished he had been apprehended at first; that it would have been easy for him to shew where he was then but it might be difficult now, that character was involved in it. Witness told him that when character and life were both in danger, it ought not to be difficult to determine whether he would lose both or character only. He evaded further conversation on the subject. He sent for witness a second time and asked several questions which were answered. Witness then told him that he had not answered his question. He said his counsel had advised him, that unless he could show clearly where he was, it was better to leave the whole to conjecture. Mrs. Scott had found a cinder of some kind of woollen or silk article in the fire place, and B. said it was a hand stall he had worn upon a sore on his hand, but that it had got well, and not wanting it longer, he had thrown it in the fire.

CROSS EXAMINED.

When he returned from Sharp's with Taylor and Payne, he had a suspicious mind, and it was with such a mind that he entered Beauchamp's room. But he regretted that he had expressed a suspicion upon so slight grounds, and although on entering the room and mentioning the murder he thought the countenance of B. that of a guilty man, yet he returned and told those who were with him, that there was no evidence to convict the man of guilt, and begged them to stop the report started by him. He was induced to do this from having once before in Georgetown got into difficulty by speaking too freely about a man. He wished the men to go away with the impression that there was no evidence of guilt although he never got rid of the impression that B. was the guilty man. He afterwards talked with Brooking and others, and learnt other circumstances which made him wish the man should be pursued. B told him the reason he did not speak of the murder to Miller was, that he entertained unfriendly feelings towards him, &c. B. started away before breakfast.

Mrs. Scott said, she went into the room after B. left it for her husband had told her to search it carefully. Mr. Scott was scarcely at the Penitentiary when she heard B. tell a servant not to make a fire in the room, for he was going away. He was invited into the dining room and asked to drink. As he was doing so he spoke of the murder as an awful deed and asked if any person was suspected? She told him nobody. He enquired whether they did business so early at the Register's office. He stepped out and she was about to go to his room, but he returned, went up stairs a minute, then come down and went out again. She then went and examined the room, the bed, the towel, the wash bowl and every thing. Every thing appeared as usual, except their appeared to be an unusual quantity of dust about the hearth and water had been thrown into the fire which had boiled up on the hot bricks and run half across the hearth. She looked at it until she thought she could account for it. She also found in the fireplace a small clod of something woollen or silk, which she preserved. She saw nothing to excite suspicion and sent for Mr. Scott and asked him what made him suspect the man; for she was unwilling to suspect the stranger who had lodged in their house. He told her, &c.

(Evidence to be continued.)

MAXIMS.

Live constantly in the unshaken belief of an overruling Providence; of an infinitely good as well as Almighty Being and prize his favor above all things.

Observe, inviolably, truth in your words, and integrity in your actions.

Accustom yourself to temperance, and be master of your passions.

Try to spend your time usefully, both to yourself and others.

Brushes, Soap, and Glue,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, at my shop on Main Cross street Lexington, where CASH will be given for soap Grease.

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Laws of the United States.



BY AUTHORITY.

LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, PASSED AT THE FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH CONGRESS.

[PUBLIC—No. 37.]

AN ACT making appropriation for compensation and mileage to the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the compensation and mileage, granted by law to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and Delegates of Territories; and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

JOHN W. TAYLOR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN C. CALHOUN,
Vice President of the United States, and

President of the Senate.

APPROVED—May 13, 1826.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

[PUBLIC—No. 39.]

AN ACT to amend the several acts for the establishment of a Territorial Government in Florida.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the superior courts of the Territory of Florida, within their respective districts, shall have and exercise original jurisdiction in all civil causes in law and equity, whether arising under the laws of the said Territory or otherwise, where the sum in controversy shall amount to one hundred dollars; and shall have original and exclusive cognizance of all civil causes of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction, including all seizures under laws of impost, navigation, or trade, of the United States, whether such seizures be made on land or water; and of all suits for damages and forfeitures incurred under the laws of the United States; and original, but not exclusive jurisdiction, of all suits in which the United States shall be a party, whatever may be the amount in controversy in such causes and suits; and shall have and exercise appellate jurisdiction, in all civil causes, originating in the inferior courts of said Territory, whatever may be the amount in controversy; and shall have and exercise original and exclusive jurisdiction of all crimes and offences committed against the laws of the said Territory, where the punishment shall be death, and original and appellate jurisdiction of all other crimes and offences committed against the laws of the said Territory; and original and exclusive jurisdiction of all crimes and offences which shall be cognizable, under the authority of the United States, committed with the respective districts of the said superior courts, or upon the high seas.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the said superior courts, and court of appeals, in term, and the judges thereof, in vacation, shall respectively, have full power and authority, in all civil causes and criminal cases, to issue writs of habeas corpus, of error, of certiorari, of mandamus; of prohibition, of scire facias, and of quo warranto, according to the principles and rules of law.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the said superior courts, respectively, shall be held as occasion may require, to prevent a delay of justice for the trial of causes of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction, and for the hearing of causes in equity, as often as the judges of the said courts, respectively, shall deem fit to appoint.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the said superior courts, respectively, shall have power, in cases where there has been a trial by jury, to grant new trials, as often as may be deemed necessary for the due administration of justice, for reasons for which new trials have usually been granted in the courts of law, and shall have power to direct the trial of cases of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction, in all causes of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction, in all causes of seizure, under the laws of impost, navigation, and trade, of the United States; in all suits for penalties and forfeitures incurred under the laws of the United States, and in all suits in which the United States shall be a party; in all civil causes in law and equity, arising under the Constitution and laws of the United States, and treaties made, and which shall be made, under their authority, and in all civil cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers & Consuls; in controversies between citizens of two different states, and between aliens and citizens of the United States, in the same manner, and under the same regulations, as appeals are directed to be taken from a district to a circuit court, and to the supreme court of the United States, in the same manner, and under the same restrictions and regulations, as writs of error and appeals are directed to be taken from the circuit courts of the United States. And in all other cases, writs of error and appeal may be taken and prosecuted from said superior courts to the court of appeals, in such manner as the Legislative Council have directed, or shall direct.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That writs of error and appeal shall lie, and may be taken on all final decisions of said superior courts, where the matter in dispute shall amount to the sum or value of one hundred dollars, exclusive of costs, to the court of appeals of said Territory; in all civil causes of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction; in all causes of seizure, under the laws of impost, navigation, and trade, of the United States; in all suits for penalties and forfeitures incurred under the laws of the United States, and in all suits in which the United States shall be a party; in all civil causes in law and equity, arising under the Constitution and laws of the United States, and treaties made, and which shall be made, under their authority, and in all civil cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers & Consuls; in controversies between citizens of two different states, and between aliens and citizens of the United States, in the same manner, and under the same regulations, as appeals are directed to be taken from a district to a circuit court, and to the supreme court of the United States, in the same manner, and under the same restrictions and regulations, as writs of error and appeals are directed to be taken from the circuit courts of the United States. And in all other cases, writs of error and appeal may be taken and prosecuted from said superior courts to the court of appeals, in such manner as the Legislative Council have directed, or shall direct.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That the regulations prescribed by the nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-third, and twenty-fourth sections of the act of the twenty-ninth of September, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the United States," and by the act of the twelfth of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An act to amend and explain the twenty-second section of the act establishing the judicial courts of the United States," as far as said regulations shall be practicable, shall be observed in respect to all writs of error and appeals, from the said superior courts to the court of appeals in the cases enumerated in the first part of the preceding section, and in writs of error and appeals from the said court of appeals to the supreme court of the United States.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That the clerks of the said superior courts, respectively, where the courts are held, shall keep correct, particular, and regular minutes and records of every day's proceedings of the said courts, and the said clerks, marshals, and district attorneys, shall respectively receive for their services, in all causes of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction, and in causes arising on seizures under the laws of impost, navigation, and trade, of the United States, the same fees and compensation as are allowed by law to the clerks, marshals, and district attorneys, of the district court of the United States for Louisiana district, in similar causes; and in all other causes, such fees as have been or shall be hereafter established by the Legislative Council of the said Territory. And the clerk, United States attorney, and marshal, of the court of appeals, shall have the same fees and compensation for attending said court, whilst exercising the powers of a circuit court, as directed in this act, as are allowed to the clerk, attorney, and marshal of the circuit courts of the United States; and, in all other cases, such fees as the Legislative Council of said Territory have established, or may establish.

Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That the judges of the superior courts, respectively, where the courts are held, shall only be required to hold a court in one other place, in their respective districts, than the one assigned by the laws of the

United States, to be designated by the Governor and Legislative Council; and so much of any law, or laws, as restricts said courts to a particular number of days, for the trial of causes arising under the constitutional laws of the United States, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. And be it further enacted, That the marshals of each district shall reside within the same, and execute all the process of said courts, whether arising under the laws of the United States, or of said Territory; and perform all the duties of ministerial officers of the same; and shall execute bond, with security, to be approved by said judges, conditioned for the performance of the duties required of the executive officers, by the laws of said Territory, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, which shall be recorded by the clerks of said courts.

Sec. 10. And be it further enacted, That thirteen persons shall be annually elected by the people of said Territory, who shall compose the Legislative Council thereof, each of whom shall be an inhabitant of said Territory, and shall have resided there in one year next preceding his election; and the term for which he shall be elected shall be one year to commence on the second Monday of December annually. And it shall be the duty of the Governor to divide the said Territory into thirteen convenient districts, so as to give each district, as near as may be, an equal number of free white inhabitants, for the purpose of electing members of the Legislative Council of said Territory; and he shall also designate places for holding elections in each district, and appoint judges or managers to preside at, and conduct the same, who shall take the same oath, and observe the same formality, as is now required by law, in the election of delegates to Congress. The time and place of holding the elections shall be made known, by proclamation, and sent to each district, respectively; and it shall be lawful for the inhabitants within the respective districts, who are, or may be qualified voters, under the laws of the same, to elect one person in each district as a member of the Legislative Council. And it shall be the duty of the said judges or managers, in each district, to make a return to the Governor of every person voted for as a member of the Legislative Council, in such district, together with the number of votes which each person shall have received, written in full, opposite his name; and the votes in each district shall be canvassed by the Governor and Secretary of the Territory, or by such other persons, or in such other manner, as the Legislative Council may hereafter direct by law; and the person in each district, having the greatest number of legal votes, shall be declared elected, and entitled to a seat in the Legislative Council; and in case two or more persons shall have the greatest, and an equal number of votes in any district, it shall be lawful for the Governor to order a new election in such district, in such manner, and at such time, as the Legislative Council may by law prescribe. And the said Legislative Council shall hold a session in every year, commencing on the second Monday of December in each year, at the seat of Government in said Territory, and continue not longer than six weeks; and the members of said Council shall receive three dollars each day, during their attendance in Council, and three dollars for every twenty miles, to be estimated by the actual distance from the place of residence to the seat of Government, and so distinctly certified by the Governor of said Territory, in going to, and returning from any meeting of the Legislative Council, once in each session, and no more; and the first election shall be held on the first Monday of October next, and at such times thereafter, and under such regulations, as the Governor and Legislative Council shall direct.

Sec. 11. And be it further enacted, That the members of the Legislative Council shall not be eligible to any office created during the period of their service, or the fees of which were regulated by law passed whilst they were members, or for one year thereafter.

Sec. 12. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Legislative Council to pass any law imposing a higher tax on the lands of non residents, than those of residents of said Territory.

Sec. 13. And be it further enacted, That so much of the several acts of which this is an amendment, as may be inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed; and so much of any of the laws of said Territory, as are repugnant to the same, are disapproved and annulled.

Sec. 14. And be it further enacted, That the several acts passed by the Governor and Legislative Council, granting divorces; the four first sections of "An act to amend an act to define crimes," &c. approved December tenth, eighteen hundred and twenty-five; and "An act to prescribe the forms of actions," &c. approved December fifth, eighteen hundred and twenty-five; and "An act to amend an act regulating judicial proceedings," &c. approved December eighth, eighteen hundred and twenty-five; an act to provide, in part, for raising a revenue," approved the ninth of December, eighteen hundred and twenty-five, be, and the same are hereby disapproved and annulled.

JOHN W. TAYLOR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN C. CALHOUN,
Vice-President of the United States and

President of the Senate.

APPROVED—May 15, 1826.



POET'S CORNER.

For the Gazette.

'Tis sweet to muse in solitude,
On months and years now past;
'Tis sweet to know past conduct good,
To think that it will last,
'Tis sweet to think on childhood's hours
So innocently gay;
'Tis sweet amidst the shady bowers
To view the sun's last ray.

'Tis sweet amidst the spreading trees,
To hear the little warblers sing;
'Tis sweet, reclining at our ease,
To list when bells at distance ring.
'Tis sweet, in yon extensive cave,
To stand and view the rippling stream,
Begin its journey to the wave,
Its source beneath the earth unseen.

'Tis sweet upon the bank to sit
And see the fishes sport and play;
Or view the lambs in sportive fit,
Activity and joy display,
'Tis sweet within that colest shade,
To pore o'er Scott's or Byron's rhyme,
'Tis sweet to sit in solitude,
And read the news of present time.

'Tis sweet to live in converse kind,
With friends our hearts approve;
'Tis sweet to hear those friends in mind
Divided from our love.

'Tis sweet to see the sparkling eye
Of beauty beau with joy;
Sweeter, to hush the rising sigh
And beauty's smile enjoy.

'Tis sweet beneath fair freedom's tree,
Our time to pass in joy;
Let none infringe our liberty,
Let none our right destroy.
Long may its branches, spreading wide,
Aristocratic power keep down;
Long, long may freedom's sons deride
And humble tyrants with a frown.

OSCAR.

CABINET WAREHOUSE.

THE Subscribers having united in carrying on
the Cabinet Business, under the firm of

WILSON & HENRY,

Take this opportunity of informing the public, that they occupy the same stand for so many years in possession of Robert Wilson. His Shop has been rebuilt, and is well stocked with tools and workmen of the best kind. The firm has laid in an excellent stock of MAHOGANY, as well as every other material necessary for their business, and they can safely say, that they are prepared to execute with neatness and dispatch, any order in their line.

They will in a short time, have a large assortment of Sideboards, Bureaus, Bedsteads &c. finished, and will be glad to see their friends call and examine for themselves.

Mattresses,

Made at the shortest notice, and in superior style.

ROBERT WILSON,
JOHN HENRY.

Lexington, Sept. 1st, 1825—35*tf*

JAMES B. JANUARY.

PRESENTS his compliments to his clients and informs them, that during his temporary absence, their business in Fayette circuit court will be attended to by Richard H. Chan, Esq. Col. Leslie Combs and Col. Thomas M. Hickey, and in the Jessamine circuit by Maj. James Shan non and Capt. Levi L. Todd.

Lexington Jan 27th, 1825—4*tf*.

JAMES SHANNON, *Date of Wheeling, Va.*

Will practice law in the Circuit and County Court of Fayette, and the Circuit Courts of Bourbon and Jessamine. All business entrusted to him will receive prompt attention. This office is on Short Street.

Lex. Dec. 20, 1824.—25*tf*.

Journeymen Blacksmiths.

I will give liberal wages to a few journeymen, well acquainted with the Blacksmith's business, and who can come well recommended.

JOHN EADS.

Lexington March 24, 1825—12*tf*

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.

STRAYED or Stolen from the Stable of Daniel B. Price in Nicholasville on the night of the 27th inst a sorrel horse, four years old this Spring, fifteen and a half hands high, hind feet white with some red spots around the edge of the hoof, a spot one or two inches long mixed with white and red hairs behind the withers, on the left side produced by the Saddle, a few white hairs above or near the curl in the forehead, a very small white spot on the right side of the rump a scar on the left side about the middle of the body which has the appearance of a burn, the three last mentioned marks only discoverable when tolerably close noticed the hair a little worn off, of the side by the saddle staves, no other marks recollect.

I will give the above reward for the horse and detection and conviction of the thief or twenty dollars or the horse if found out of Jessamine County, if found in the county a reasonable reward—the Horse was raised on the farm of John Price Clarke County, and if at liberty it is probable he will make his course to that place.

JEFFERSON PRICE.

Nicholasville March 29 1825—13*tf*

Morocco Manufactory.

THE Subscriber respectfully informs the public that he has commenced the above business in Lexington on Main Street; and from a long experience in one of the principal cities in Europe, and the United States also; he dares himself he will produce articles in his line equal to any in the Union suitable for Shoe Makers, Hatters, Coach Makers, Saddlers and Book Binders which he will sell twenty per cent less than imported skins.

This he hopes will induce the consumers in the Western Country to give a preference to their own manufacture.

N. B. A constant supply of hatters WOOL on hand.

PATRICK GEOHEGAN.

January 13th, 1825—2*tf*

LEXINGTON DYE-HOUSE.

THE subscriber has lately removed from his old stand on Main Street, to the large stone house formerly occupied by Mr. W. Tod, on Water St between the Lower and Upper market Houses; where SILKS, CLOTHES, CLOTHS, &c. &c. will be dyed in various colours and finished equal to any in America or Europe, and warranted durable.

All kinds of GARMENTS will be SCOURED AND DRESSED in the best manner and at the shortest notice. Having had long experience in this business, he doubts not, his efforts to please his customers, will prove satisfactory.

WILLIAM CAHILL.

Lexington April 6, 1825—1*tf*.



JAMES M. PIKE'S

Official Prize List of the eighth day's Drawing
of the
Grand Masonic Hall Lottery,

Which took place in the GRAND HALL, on Monday the 1st inst. Numbers with no amount against them are PRIZES of TEN dollars each.

20	1247	2256	15	3398	5373
40	1315	299	3417	4402	
54	259	2337	440	411	
56	1424	376	467	422	
154	20	433	393	3507	444
167	500	440	395	15	522
175	464	397	543	5510	
195	470	2403	549	524	
207	494	20	426	561	590
223	497	433	3608	597	
241	498	441	618	4607	
246	1505	444	15	633	615
323	522	458	15	661	20
338	529	493	3700	15	691
348	637	15	252	708	698
382	15	549	716	50	4708
469	569	555	720	744	
476	580	2816	745	774	
599	15	594	654	771	795
601	15	1621	374	324	4924
637	628	723	830	20	846
651	675	725	848	100	880
662	676	756	3912	891	15
765	1756	2816	15	950	4906
866	29	1831	856	15	971
916	20	886	857	980	50
962	1000	895	861	20	4004
964	1969	3023	32	15	5150
965	995	100	76	33	141
976	15	2001	3111	20	37
1065	8	100	123	65	160
69	86	141	86	166	
81	2107	2326	4118	174	
86	157	267	125	183	
1104	168	281	50	153	5000
113	2203	3342	4223	20	210
116	205	15	358	226	225
163	2080	361	275	298	
182	219	370	4305	(2857)	
1240	15	257	396	325	(4463)

NINTH DAYS DRAWING.—Monday, May 8.

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266 230 259 444 680

275 261 271 449 682

277 264 2318 450 690

291 1330 378 492 4727

345 331 391 3518 786

351 345 20 394 547 790

411 353 2428 596 4670

414 1402 440 3602 20 878

428 15 450 455 603 883

441 50 473 456 657 886

444 15 534 500 662 100 5001

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497 660 519 718 59

648 1704 20 579 729 66

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746 791 262 15 3808 5120

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